

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION adopting the Healthy Communities Initiative Policy Guide to guide the City of Seattle's public health efforts and investments.

WHEREAS, in adopting the 2005 budget, the City Council directed the Human Services Department to develop a plan to guide the City's expenditures for enhanced public health services; and

WHEREAS, King County is responsible for providing regional core public health services throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, with the exception, as delineated in RCW 70.96A.087, that a minimum of 2% of the City's share of state liquor taxes and profits must support alcohol and drug programs approved by the King County Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Board, the City's public health investments are voluntary and are to be used for enhanced public health services benefiting Seattle residents; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department provided the City Council with an 11-year history of the City's investments in public health, a nine-year review of the major revenues received by Public Health—Seattle & King County, a matrix of all public health services provided in Seattle including regional core and enhanced services, and findings based on a review of public health data and demographic information; and

WHEREAS, as outlined in the Public Health Data and Demographic Highlights for Seattle, dated February 7, 2006, public health data reveal disparities in health outcomes and risk behaviors based on race, ethnicity, income, immigrant/refugee status, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, health insurance status and neighborhood that are persistent and consistent across many health indicators; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Communities Initiative Policy Guide articulates a vision, goals, strategies, and policy framework to broadly guide the City's efforts and investments in public health; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Communities Initiative Policy Guide establishes criteria for assessing the City's public health investments and for guiding the City's future investment decisions for public health services;
NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The Human Service Department (HSD) will develop a proposal for obtaining ongoing public evaluation and input related to the City of Seattle Healthy Communities Initiative Policy Guide (Policy Guide). HSD should consider and review the utility and feasibility of a city residents advisory committee as well as other options. The intent is to give city residents the opportunity to provide policy guidance to the Mayor and City Council on the effectiveness of the Policy Guide and recommend possible modifications. HSD is requested to report to the Council's Housing, Human Services and Health Committee with a proposal by June, 2006.

Section 2. The City of Seattle hereby adopts the Policy Guide, attached hereto as Attachment 1 (City of Seattle Healthy Communities Initiative Policy Guide, dated February 7, 2006).

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2006, and signed by me
in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2006.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2006.

City Clerk

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Attachment 1: Healthy Communities Initiative Policy Guide dated February 7, 2006